



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 1, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Mayor: Charlie Miner; Council: Deirdre Kvale, Mike Feldmann, and Jahn Dyvik

Staff Present: City Administrator: Scott Weske; Fire Chief: James Van Eyll; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: Council: Gina Joyce (with prior notice)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENTS – LONG LAKE NEWS, MEETING REVIEW AND UPDATES

Mayor Miner offered the following comments and updates:

Mayor Miner thanked the Long Lake Fire Department and Slow Burn Brigade for hosting the 'Passport to Haunt' trick or treat event during the previous weekend.

He also reported that the Council had just finished a work session meeting where the primary topic was Fire Department related matters, including a closed session discussion for consideration of offers/counteroffers for the purchase or sale of Fire Department property.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Miner indicated that a bench handout had been added for an addition to the Consent Agenda, Item I, prepared by the City Attorney.

A motion was made by Feldmann, seconded by Miner, to approve the agenda as amended, with the addition of item I to the Consent Agenda. Ayes: all.

CONSENT AGENDA

The amended Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of October 11, 2022 City Council Work Session Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of October 18, 2022 City Council Work Session Meeting
- C. Approve Minutes of October 18, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting
- D. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- E. Receive 3rd Quarter 2022 Revenues and Expenditures as of September 30, 2022
- F. Authorize Payment Request #4 to Hydro-Klean, LLC in the Amount of \$28,604.25 for the District 4 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project
- G. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-54 Approving the Issuance of a Tobacco License to ZOS Smoking Inc. DBA Long Lake Tobacco Effective through December 31, 2022
- H. Approve the Quote from Safety Vehicle Solutions in an Amount not to exceed \$19,914.00 for the Purchase and Installation of Equipment and Graphics to Complete the Fire Command Vehicle Once the Vehicle Arrives from the Dealer
- I. Approve and Authorize Executive of the Utility Easement Agreement for Relocation of a Gas Line

Regarding claims paid and the payment to Carefree Services for street sweeping, Council member Kvale mentioned that she had received a comment from a resident expressing concern that there were so many leaves on the ground but the streets had already been cleaned and swept.

City Administrator Weske explained that typically the City has leaf pickup days and plans for the street sweeping vendor to come do the work after the leaf pickup dates. The problem is that staff can never be certain when all the leaves will fall in planning these activities. Staff had discussed possibly doing an additional street cleanup, but there are still currently quite a few leaves on the trees. He noted that he knows Public Works has also been out in some areas doing manual cleanup using the Bobcat.

Mayor Miner asked about Item H and if there were any updates on delivery of the Command Vehicle.

Fire Chief Van Eyll responded that the last time he had spoken with the dealer, the Command Vehicles purchased by Long Lake and by Orono were at the manufacturer waiting for microchips.

A motion was made by Kvale, seconded by Dyvik, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented and amended. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

No one was in attendance to address the City Council during Open Correspondence.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Special Event Permit Request for the 2022 Long Lake Holiday Tree Lighting Event

City Clerk Moeller reported that the Park Board is planning to hold the annual Long Lake Holiday Tree Lighting Event in Nelson Lakeside Park again this year on December 2, 2022. She gave a brief overview of some of the activities as well as food and beverages that are being planned.

Mayor Miner added that he had invited the Wayzata Police Department to stop by the event and noted that he would also like to see if the Fire Department would be able to stop by with a truck.

Moeller expressed appreciation to the Public Works Department, recognizing that they will be working hard to ensure the lights on the tree are working and that electricity is where it needs to be in addition to the general park cleanup and preparation.

A motion was made by Miner, seconded by Dyvik, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-53 approving issuance of Special Event Permit #S2022-16 for the 2022 Long Lake Holiday Tree Lighting Event on December 2, 2022; and to approve issuance of a Noise Variance Permit authorizing the use of sound amplification equipment for the event. Ayes: all.

Updates and Discussion Regarding Fire Department Matters

Mayor Miner reiterated that during the Work Session, the Council discussed various Fire Department matters, including some closed session conversations. The Council also had commented on preparations for the Future Fire Services Open House that will be held on November 17, 2022 at 6:30 pm at Calvin Presbyterian Church. The Council is hoping to have residents from Long Lake in attendance, as well as attendees from around the area that are served by the Long Lake Fire Department. The Council will present a brief slide presentation that gives an overview of the situation and will lay out some options for the future of the fire services, followed by an opportunity for the community to share their input. Staff has sent out a letter to all Long Lake residents notifying them of this event, and there will also be information available on various social media

sites, including the City's Facebook page. As an aside, Mayor Miner informed Council that the next future fire services planning group meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2022.

Moeller offered her thanks to Calvin Presbyterian Church for allowing the City to utilize their Fellowship Hall for this meeting, and shared that they had also been kind enough to waive the reservation fee.

Council member Dyvik noted that it has become apparent to him, based on some recent conversations he'd had while knocking on doors for campaign purposes, that many Long Lake residents don't know much about what has been going on with the Fire Department. He reflected that he feels the community Open House event is a great idea to get the word out and to educate residents in order to get their feedback on moving forward.

Council member Dyvik recalled that there had been a Fire Advisory Board meeting held the previous week where the expected topic was to be surrounding discussion of a possible purchase of a used ladder truck from Coon Rapids; however, the City of Orono had elected to go ahead with the purchase on their own. He commented that he has a problem with them doing so, because the vehicle was identified and evaluated under Long Lake Fire Department resources. He stated that the Long Lake City Council could approve the purchase of the ladder truck under the terms of the contract, but he believed that position would fall on deaf ears in Orono. He pointed out some future decisions that will need to be made related to the ladder truck. One other issue of note is that Orono used their capital fire budget to purchase the vehicle, which normally would have been applied towards the Long Lake Fire Department capital equipment plan, so he was unsure what Orono's decision would mean for other future Fire Department capital purchases.

Mayor Miner advised that Orono's posting for the hiring of a Fire Chief had closed yesterday.

Council member Dyvik added that the City of Orono's plan is to have a Fire Chief hired by January 1, 2023.

OTHER BUSINESS

Resident Feedback Received During Campaign Activities - Council member Dyvik reiterated that he had been knocking on doors campaigning for his re-election over the weekend and a big part of resident discussions ended up being about the Fire Department. He noted that he had also asked people to share their other concerns and reported that some of the things that were commented on included: the rink lights in Holbrook Park being left on too late during the winter months; the fill added to Holbrook Park appears to contain large chunks of concrete; concern about pesticides that were being used for weed control; the possibility of having a single hauler for garbage service for the City; complaints about the snow plowing schedule; mowing at the parks; Wayzata Police Department services; street lighting in various locations; pavement improvement plans for Grand Avenue and other City streets; the sewer one-for-one change in the water bills; and the implementation of franchise fees for funding pavement management plan projects.

Brian Miller, 295 Lakeview Avenue – Mr. Miller approached the Council and recalled that he had moved in 24 years ago. He stated that he felt the comparison between what the City used to receive from the Orono Police Department versus the service level they get from the Wayzata Police Department is drastically different. He observed that he sees the Wayzata Police officers much more frequently and referenced Officer Bill Mathews who would get out of his car on a daily basis and talk to people. He shared that he had been close to Officer Mathews, and definitely felt that since his passing, the City has seen Police presence drop off a bit, but Wayzata Police officers are visible around the City.

Council member Dyvik added that he had received similar comments from residents and noted that overall, the feedback on the services provided by the Wayzata Police Department have been positive.

General Election on November 8 - Mayor Miner reminded residents that the Minnesota State General Election will be held November 8, 2022.

Holiday Home Decorating Contest – Mayor Miner announced that the Holiday Home Decorating contest will be coming up and he expected that details would be shared following election activities.

LLFD Slow Burn Brigade Events – Chief Van Eyll thanked the Slow Burn Brigade and Jen Frank for the great 'Passport to Haunt' event that was held last Saturday. The gathering was well attended and they had even had to go out and buy more hot dogs because they ran out. The next big event the Slow Burn Brigade is hosting will be their upcoming annual Toy and Food Drive with Santa, scheduled to be held December 3, 2022.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Weske
City Administrator